REMARKS

In the specification, paragraphs [0012] and [0020] have been deleted since they are unnecessary in view of the originally filed claims, and paragraph [0023] has been amended to refer to Figs. 1A-1D.

Figs. 1A-1D have been amended to identify the container blank 2 and corner flaps 7.

Claims 3 and 6-10 remain in this application. Claims 3, 6 and 9 have been amended, and Claims 1-2 and 4-5 have been canceled.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claim 5 contains allowable subject matter. Amended independent Claim 3 now incorporates the allowable subject matter from Claim 5, and hence is in condition for allowance.

Claim 6 has been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, now providing proper antecedent basis for the claimed sealing fin. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Furthermore, dependent Claims 6-10 all depend either directly or indirectly from allowable Claim 3, and are therefore also in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. In the event any questions arise regarding this communication or the application in general, please contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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